

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois

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Number of Judgeships: 5

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Thomas L. Perkins
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
Education: Iowa 1980 BBA; Indiana 1984 JD
Began Service: July 2000
Term Expires: 2014

Legal Practice: Partner, Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1984-1994); Partner, Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius (1994-1998); Partner, Vonachen, Lawless, Trager & Slevin (1998-2000)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; Illinois State Bar Association, Commercial Banking and Bankruptcy Section, Real Estate Section

Staff

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Gerald D. Fines
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Eastern Illinois 1965 BS, 1967 MS; Kentucky 1970 JD
Began Service: August 19, 1987
Term Expires: August 18, 2015

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Academic: Instructor, Commercial Law, Eastern Illinois University (1966-1967)

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Gerald D. Fines continued

Government: Deputy Director and Acting Director, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1976); United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1977-1986)

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois (1987-2000)

Legal Practice: Giffin, Winning, Linder, Cohen & Bodewes

Military Service: United States Army (1958-1960)

Current Memberships: District of Columbia Bar; Illinois Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

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Career Law Clerk **Timothy Thorton** (217) 431-4817
Education: Valparaiso 1985 JD
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Mary P. Gorman
Bankruptcy Judge

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) William V. Altenberger

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William V. Altenberger
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: Illinois 1957 BS, 1963 LLB
Began Service: June 20, 2000
Term Expires: December 31, 2005

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois; Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) William V. Altenberger, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Legal Practice: Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1964-1985)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1957-1960)

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) Larry Lessen

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Larry Lessen
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Illinois 1960 BAS, 1962 JD
Began Service: 1973
Term Expires: June 30, 2006

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Casper Platt, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois (1962-1964)

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) Larry Lessen continued

Government: Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Illinois (1964-1967); Assistant Attorney General, Illinois, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1968-1970); City Attorney, City of Champaign, Illinois (1971-1973)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (1973-1984)

Legal Practice: Partner, Sebat, Swanson, Banks, Lessen & Garman (1967-1985)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

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Charles P. Kocoras
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: DePaul 1961 BS, 1969 JD
Began Service: November 24, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Revenue Agent, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1962-1969); Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1971-1977); First Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1975-1977); Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission (1977-1979)

Legal Practice: Associate, Bishop & Crawford (1969-1971); Partner, Stone, McGuire, Benjamin & Kocoras (1979-1980)

Military Service: Illinois Army National Guard (1961-1967)

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Education: John Marshall 2001 JD
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Charles Ronald Norgle, Sr.
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: Northwestern 1964 BBA; John Marshall 1969 JD
Began Service: October 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School; Adjunct Faculty, Northwestern University Law School

Government: Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Illinois (1969-1971); Deputy Public Defender, State of Illinois (1971-1973)

Judicial: Associate Judge, DuPage County Court (1973-1977); Judge, Illinois Circuit Court (1977-1984)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; DuPage Bar Association; Executive Committee for the Northern District of Illinois; Federal Bar Association; Federal Committee on Defender Services, Education Sub-Committee; Illinois Bar Association; Seventh Circuit Judicial Council

Chambers of District Judge James F. Holderman

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James F. Holderman
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Illinois 1968 BS, 1971 JD
Began Service: May 1, 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School; Adjunct Faculty, University of Chicago Law School

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